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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

SUBJECT : Status of [redacted] 25X1A

25X1A

1. My investigation of the employment status of [redacted] has developed the following facts as accurately as I think they can be developed:

25X1A a. [redacted] was originally detailed to the Psychological Strategy Board at grade GS-16 as a CIA employee and remained on our rolls.

b. Subsequently, he was (without the knowledge of the DD/A or the Director) promoted to grade GS-17 and placed in a regular PSB, grade GS-17 position, at which time he assumed the same relationship as other supergrade, PSB employees who were technically on our rolls but not actually our employees.

c. When the Psychological Strategy Board was phased out and the Operations Coordinating Board established, Dr. [redacted] 25X1A went along to the OCB as Chief of the Special Staff at grade GS-17.....a regular OCB position.

d. On 30 September 1953 the OCB considered and approved of its budget for the period ending 30 June 1954. A part of the budget proposal was the proposed organization for the OCB which included, among other things, under the heading, "Special Assistants as Required to be Detailed and Paid by Member Agencies," one Intelligence Assistant - (CIA) full time.

e. Because of this approval, which CIA participated in, the OCB and [redacted] 25X1A have assumed that the latter was on CIA rolls and filling the full time Intelligence Assistant position, despite the fact that he was also filling the grade GS-17 position provided for the Chief of the Special Staff.

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2. It would seem to me that a matter of such importance as this would have been raised as a specific question either by the Operations Coordinating Board or [redacted] in order to have [redacted] status clearly established. Nevertheless, technically, since CIA did concur in the budget, etc., it would be difficult to say that [redacted] is not a CIA employee. However, unless you have made commitments to the contrary, I believe that our position would be perfectly sound to say that inasmuch as [redacted] promotion to grade GS-17 was accomplished without your approval his re-employment rights in CIA are at the grade GS-16 level. Furthermore, I believe that it would be perfectly proper at this time to force the OCB and [redacted] to make a decision as to whether [redacted] is to be Chief of the Special Staff (a regular OCB job) and assume the same status as other OCB supergrade employees, or, occupy the Intelligence Assistant position and be a regular CIA employee. If you agree, I will ask the Assistant Director for Personnel to get this clearly established and amend our records accordingly.

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/s/
L. K. White

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